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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2002, applicant hereby elects with traverse to proceed with Group I.

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